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In re the Application of:

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Application No.: 09/673,235

Filed: December 1, 2000

Confirmation No.: 9089

Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Sikyin Ip

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For: SPRING WITH EXCELLENT FATIGUE ENDURANCE PROPERTY AND
SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SPRING

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 24, 2003
(March 23, 2003 = Sunday)

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated October 23, 2002 finally rejecting
claims 1-7, 14 and 15.

A timely response to the final rejection dated March 24, 2003 has been filed.

The \$320.00 Appeal Fee is attached.

The shortened statutory period expiring on January 23, 2003, it is hereby
requested that the period for response be extended for two months. Also included in
our check is \$410.00 as payment of the fee for a two month extension of time for
filing this Notice of Appeal.

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